Ban on Tobacco Advertisements

496. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a draft to ban tobacco advertisments; and

(b) whether Government are aware that the vested interest have launced a big campaign to defeat this move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) It has been decided to enact a comprehensive legislation *inter-alia* providing for a ban on tobacco advertisments. Representations have been received against the proposal on the ground that the proposed legislation will affect tobacco farmers and beedi workers.

Revision of Pay Scale of UDCs

497. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 349 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1995 and state:

(a) how many sittings were held by the Board of Arbitration with the staff side and official side for disposal of the case of revision of pay scale of UDCs during the period from May, 1995 till date after furnishing the necessary documents to the Board by Government;

(b) if so, the issues dicussed in the sittings and outcomes thereof; and

(c) the effective measures taken by Government to expedite the matter in the interest of Central Secretariat Clerical Service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) After May, 1995, only one sitting in the matter has been held by the Board of Arbitration on 14.6.95. On that date, the Staff Side representative sought permission from the Board of Arbitration to produce some additional documents, and the Board allowed them to do so within six weeks.

(c) The Board will fix the new date for further hearing. Further action in the matter will be taken by the Government on receipt of the Award of the Board.

Human habitation Around Taps

498. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS) have allowed human habitations to exit within the exclusion zone around the facility;

(b) if so, what specific safety measures have been adopted for them; and

(c) if not, how they are allowed to live in the exclusion zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS) and Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) have not allowed any habitation within the exclusion zone of 1.6 Km radius around TAPS.

The nearest village is about 1.8 Km. away from TAPS which falls outside the exclusion zone.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Irregularities in CGHS Dispensaries/Govt. Hospitals in Delhi

499. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are large scale irregularities in the purchase of medicines and mis-managements in the administration of the CGHS dispensaries/ Government Hospitals in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of cases of purchase of sub-standard medicines etc. for CGHS dispensaries and other Government Hospitals during the year 1994-95 and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps Government are planning to take to improve the functioning of these dispensaries/Hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. In so far as CGHS is concerned, Medical Store Organisation supplies medicines and there are set procedures/guidelines about the procurement of medicines which are strictly followed. While purchasing medicines each and every batch is tested before acceptance and onward supply to the dispensaries. The question of supply of sub-standard medicines by MSO does not, therefore, arise.

Addl. Director (HQ)/Addl. Directors of the Zonal H. Qrs. are conducting periodical inspections of the dispensaries to improve the functioning of dispensaries.

As regards Government Hospitals, irregularities regarding purchase of stores have been detected in G.B. Pant Hospital and the case has been handed over to the CBI for in-depth investigation.

The hospitals are provided with appropriate equipment and other facilities in order to improve their functioning.

Assistance to PSUs in Jammu and Kashmir

500. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Sector Undertakings in Jammu and Kashmir are unable to secure BIFR of NRF assistance;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Only one Central Public Sector Undertaking, namely J & K Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. is having its registered office in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. This is still in process of being set up. Therefore question of BIFR or NRF assistance does not arise.

X-Ray Clinics and C.T. Scans

501. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in April, 1995 the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board had banned the Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan Hospital, New Delhi, from